(c) Most of the funds released under different schemes cover assistance to farmers/entrepreneurs involved in horticultural activities identified by the State Govt. A few schemes provide assistance for infrastructural development to be taken up by the State agencies

The assistance from National Horticulture Board has been given directly to 28 professional societies and one public sector undertaking in the State.

Fish production in West Bengal

6550. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of fish-production in West Bengal during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) whether the fish produced in West Bengal is consumed in the State itself or is sold outside the State;

(c) if so, what quantity of fishes are sold outside the State; and

(d) the quantum of fish exported if any by West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): A Statement giving details of fish production in West Bengal in 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The major portion of the fish produced in West Bengal is consumed in the State itself. About 12.000 tonnes of marine products including shrimp are exported through Calcutta Port.

Sratement

District-wise estmated of production of fish (Inland ? Marine) from 1991-92 *to* 1993-94

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Sl.No.	Name of the District	1991-92 Inland + Marine	1992-93 Inland + Marine	1993-94 Inland + Marine
1	2	3	4	5
1	Coochbehar	0 31	0.32	0.34
2	Jalpaiguri	0.98	0.08	0.08
3	Darjeeling	0.02	0.02	0.02
4	West Dinajpur	0.41	0 29 Dakshin 013Uttar	0.31 Dakshin 0a14 Uttar
5	Malda	0.42	0.44	0.47
6	Murshidabad	0.58	0.60	0.64
7	Nadia	0.37	0.38	0.41
8	South 24—Pgs	1.15	1.19	1.26
9	North 24—Pgs	0.62	0.64	0.68
10	Calcutta (U.A.)	0.32	0 33	0 35
11	Howrah	0 25	0 25	0 28

1	2	3	4	5
12	Hooghly	0 38	0.39	0.42
13	Midnapor	1.23	1.17	1.35
14	Bankura	0.21	0.27	0.23
15	Purulia	0.16	0.17	0.18
16	Burdwan	0.54	0.56	0.60
17	Birbhum	0.27	0.28	0.30
	Total	7.32	7.57	8.06

U.A. - Urban Agglomeration.

N.B. : From 1992-93, West Dinajpur was divided into 2 administrative districts, viz., Dakshin and Uttar Dinajpur.

Decline in fish consumption

6551. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FAO has predicted a fall in fish consumption in the coming 15 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the organization has suggested, increasing production of acquaculture, easing pressures on over fished stocks, using stock enhancement techniques and protecting marine and coastal fish habitats;

(c) whether Government propose to take action on these measures suggested; and

(d) if not, other measures under consideration of Government to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has indicated that fish consumption in the world is likely to increase in the coming 15 years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have identified aquaculture as a major thrust area for development of fisheries. Steps have also been taken to promote introduction of artificial reafs for resource enhancement, mariculture, sea-renching, conservation and management of marine and inland fisheries and regulating shrimp aquaculture in the coastal areas.

(d) Does not arise.

Identification of the problems of small and marginal farmers

6552. SHRI GOPALSINH G SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any State-wise survey of identify the problems of small and marginal farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the problems identified;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any scheme for the integrated development of the small and marginal farmers during the Eighth Plan period; and